GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRAPRADESH
ABSTRACT

Dr.Y.S.R.HORTICULTURAL UNIVERSITY - Appointment of Vice-Chancellor to Dr.Y.S.R.Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari District – Temporarily Arrangement - Notification - Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (H&S) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.517 **Dated:14-08-2024**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.63, Agriculture & Cooperation (H&S) Department, dt:08.06.2020,
2. G.O.Ms.No.29, Agriculture & Cooperation (H&S) Department, dt:28.06.2023
3. W.P.(PIL) No.95 of 2023 filed by Sri Munavathu Dharu Naik, Ex-Chairman, A.P. Scheduled Tribe Cooperative Finance Corporation (APSTCFC), Palnadu District and another.
4. W.P.No.17740 of 2023 filed by Dr.G.Ravishankar Reddy, Scientist (Rtd.), ICFRE, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana.
5. Common Orders dt:26.06.2024 of Hon'ble High Court in PIL No.95 of 2023 and W.P.No.17740 of 2023.
6. From the Registrar, Dr.YSR Horticultural University, West Godavari District, letter No.4250/Dr.YSRHU/Ser(T)-I/2024, dt:05.07.2024.

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ORDER :-

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government have appointed Dr.Janakiram Tolety, Assistant Direct General (HS-I), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), as the Vice-Chancellor of the Dr.Y.S.R Horticultural University, for a period of three (3) years, from the date of assumption of charge. Accordingly, he has reported for duty as Vice-Chancellor, Dr.YSR Horticultural University on F.N of 30.06.2020 and his tenure of the term is completed on 29.06.2023 A.N.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Dr.Janakiram Tolety, was re-appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the Dr. YSR Horticultural University, for a period of another term of three (3) years, w.e.f. 01.07.2023.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the petitioners Sri Munavathu Dharu Naik, Ex-Chairman, A.P. Scheduled Tribe Cooperative Finance Corporation (APSTCFC), Palnadu District and another have approached the Hon'ble Court of A.P. and filed public interest litigation No.95 of 2023, seeking certain directions on the appointment of Dr. Janakiram Tolety as the Vice-Chancellor of Dr.Y.S.R.Horticultural University.

4. In the reference 4th read above, Dr.G.Ravishankar Reddy, Scientist (Rtd.), ICFRE, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana has filed W.P.No.17740 of 2023 seeking following directions:-

> "To issue any writ or order or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF QUO WARRANTO nullifying the G.O.Ms.No.29, dt:28.06.2023 where under the 3rd Respondent as arbitrary, illegal and further direct the 1st Respondent to re-advertise the post forthwith and to pass such other order or orders may deem fit.

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5. The Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh has allowed WP (PIL) No.95 of 2023 along with W.P.No.17740 of 2023 and passed the orders on 26.06.2024. The operative position of the judgment /orders is re - produced below for perusal.

> 24. Be that as it may, we hold that the initial appointment and consequently the subsequent reappointment of private respondent No.6, being contrary to the UGC regulations, are bad in law.
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> 25. Consequently, the writ petitions are allowed. There shall be a writ of quo warranto declaring the appointment of respondent No.6 as Vice Chancellor of Dr. YSR Horticulture University as void ab initio, and consequently, the reappointment shall stand quashed. No order as to costs. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

6. After careful examination of the entire issue and to avoid further legal complications, Government have decided to implement the orders of Hon'ble High Court of A.P., Amaravathi, dated:26.06.2024, in PIL No.95 of 2023 and W.P.No.17740 of 2023. Accordingly, Government hereby issued the following notification.

7. The following notification shall be published in the Extraordinary issue of the A.P. Gazette dated:14-08-2024.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section 5 of Section 26 of the Andhra Pradesh Horticultural Universities Act, 2007 and as amended subsequently, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh and the Chancellor, Dr.Y.S.R.Horticultural University, Venkatramannagudem, West Godavari District has been pleased to place Dr.K.Gopal, Associate Dean, College of Horticulture, Anatharajupeta temporarily to act as Vice-Chancellor, Dr.Y.S.R. Horticultural University, Venkatramannagudem, West Godavari District, duly relieving Dr.Janakiram Tolety, with immediate effect, until further orders.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner & Director of Printing, Stationery, Stores, Purchase, A.P., Vijayawada for Publication of the Notification in the Extra Ordinary Issue of A.P. Gazette dated:14-08-2024 and to send 20 copies to Govt. immediately.
Dr.K.Gopal, Associate Dean, College of Horticulture, Anantharajupeta
Dr.Janakiram Tolety, Vice-Chancellor,
Dr.Y.S.R.Horticulrtural University, VRgudem, West Godavari District.
The Registrar, Dr.Y.S.R. Horticultural University, VR gudem, West Godavari Dist.
The Director of Horticulture. A.P., Guntur.
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P.S. to Hon'ble Minister (Agri).
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